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Title:	METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR POSITIONING CONNECTORS TO MINIMIZE ALIEN CROSSTALK		

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RESPONSE

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

This communications is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 19, 2006. Claims 48-67 are pending and no new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 48-67 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meckley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,267,628) in view of Fair et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,250,964). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 48 recites, among other things, a frame defining an upper row of jacks and a lower row of jacks, wherein each jack in the upper row is horizontally offset with respect to an adjacent jack in the lower row at least a distance of approximately a length of a jack.